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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING August 18, 2013

NEW MEXICO: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Topsoil moisture was 25% very short, 43% short and 32% adequate. Wind damage was 11% light and 3% moderate; with cotton 44% damaged and sorghum 40% damaged. No hail damage reported this week.

Counties: Curry: Rain in the entire county this past week. The rains have slowed alfalfa harvest and may be some damage but very limited at this time. Pasture and livestock conditions greatly improved in the past few weeks and livestock movement slowed dramatically. Corn, cotton and grain sorghum fields in good to excellent condition. Field preparation for wheat planting will begin when pastures dry enough for machinery. De Baca/Guadalupe: Scattered showers received this week. Eddy: Most range grasses are poor quality forage. Some high quality forbs. Some grama grass seeding out short. Lea: Things going well. Need more rainfall; range grasses are drying out again. Luna/Grant: There have been some scattered showers in the area, however, due to the extreme drought situation, the pastures and rangeland will take awhile to fully recover to furnish adequate feed for livestock. Rio Arriba/Taos: Sweet corn is beginning to hit the roadside markets. Santa Fe: The couple of rain showers received during the course of the week were spotty. Range conditions are improving somewhat as a result of the rain from the past few weeks. Weeds are proliferating the farm lands.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3rd cut	86	77	100	97
Alfalfa	4th cut	65	53	85	74
Alfalfa	5th cut	11	9	35	25
Chile	Hvst Grn	19	11	19	34
Corn	Silking	83	80	91	95
Corn	Dough	23	14	25	38
Corn	Dent	14	8	9	15
Corn	Silage	7	2	11	2
Cotton	Squaring	90	87	95	99
Cotton	Set Bolls	82	59	66	67
Cotton	Bolls Opn	11	-	5	7
Onions	Hvstd	97	96	100	97
Peanuts	Pegging	54	39	79	75
Sorghum	Headed	25	19	32	46
Sorghum	Trn Color	3	2	2	9

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	34	39	22	5	-
Northeast	33	24	34	8	1
Southwest	27	20	41	10	2
Southeast	21	52	18	9	-
State Current	29	35	28	8	-
State-Last Week	37	30	28	5	-
State-Last Year	49	35	14	2	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	23	25	26	23	3

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

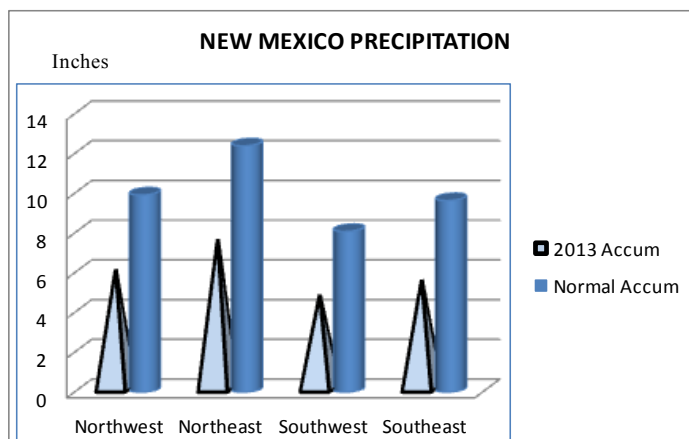
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	4	24	65	5
Chile	-	1	31	68	-
Corn	-	2	35	38	25
Cotton	1	12	31	25	31
Peanut	1	8	76	15	-
Pecan	-	1	12	45	42
Sorghum	-	21	50	25	4
Cattle	4	13	56	25	2
Sheep	26	19	29	26	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	25	37	37	1
Northeast	26	45	29	-
Southwest	32	27	41	-
Southeast	18	55	27	-
State Current	25	43	32	-
State-Last Week	33	37	30	-
State-Last Year	49	36	15	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	28	32	39	1

Weather Summary

Monsoonal moisture kept the rain around for much of state as high pressure lingered along the New Mexico, Arizona border. Maximum precipitation amounts were in Gran Quivira with 1.67 inches, Animas with 0.85 of an inch, Socorro with 0.84 inches of inch, Carrizozo/Tatum with 0.81 of an inch and Clovis with 0.42 of an inch.



NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - Aug 12 - Aug 18, 2013

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 12 Aug - 18 Aug	Month 01 Aug - 18 Aug	Accum. 01 Jan - 18 Aug	Normal Aug	Normal Jan-Aug
Northwest								
Albuquerque	78.7	96	64	0.04	0.26	3.73	1.58	6.28
Chama	61.9	87	43	0.09	2.81	11.44	3.16	15.45
Farmington	73.4	92	55	-	0.48	2.75	1.26	5.46
Gallup	71.2	88	53	0.03	2.08	5.69	2.10	7.78
Grants	67.8	87	48	0.03	1.85	3.86	1.81	6.84
Johnson Ranch	70.3	90	48	0.15	1.97	5.03	2.39	8.62
Los Alamos	69.8	85	54	0.16	0.65	6.01	3.60	13.38
Red River	55.1	75	40	0.15	0.50	10.42	3.27	15.89
Santa Fe	69.6	91	49	0.34	1.17	5.25	2.23	9.63
Northeast								
Capulin	66.9	92	48	0.34	2.77	13.33	2.81	14.05
Clayton	72.7	92	57	-	2.70	7.75	2.61	11.61
Clovis	76.0	94	62	0.42	0.32	5.28	3.48	13.42
Las Vegas	67.3	87	49	0.09	1.29	7.61	3.73	13.16
Moriarty	68.7	91	49	0.12	0.74	4.66	2.37	9.29
Raton	68.9	89	51	0.34	3.93	11.18	3.03	13.24
Roy	-	-	-	-	-	2.05	2.81	11.84
Tucumcari	79.4	100	61	0.17	0.86	8.40	2.88	12.56
Southwest								
Animas	79.1	98	58	0.85	1.38	5.76	2.29	7.46
Deming	79.7	98	63	0.30	1.50	5.27	2.29	7.59
Gran Quivira	70.3	89	54	1.67	3.42	6.90	3.64	11.44
Quemado	63.5	76	51	-	-	1.92	2.54	8.13
Socorro	78.7	97	61	0.84	1.62	3.83	2.03	6.53
T or C	78.8	95	63	0.16	0.76	4.66	2.33	7.38
Southeast								
Alamogordo	80.7	97	66	-	0.01	3.30	2.19	7.43
Carlsbad	82.8	101	65	-	-	6.10	1.83	8.70
Carrizozo	73.4	90	57	0.81	3.76	7.87	2.69	8.24
Las Cruces	81.8	98	63	0.07	0.79	1.80	2.22	6.24
Roswell	78.3	97	61	0.24	1.21	5.10	2.91	10.40
Ruidoso	-	-	-	-	1.59	5.08	4.69	15.33
Tatum	77.1	93	62	0.81	1.53	9.13	2.48	11.17

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.